

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Stoughton et al.

Application No.: To be assigned; Divisional of U.S. Application No. ~~09/222,596~~ 10/US 8,696 Group Art Unit: To be assigned

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For: STATISTICAL COMBINING OF  
CELL EXPRESSION PROFILES

Attorney Docket No.: 9301-168-999

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, please enter the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (1) Exhibit A, a marked up version of replacement paragraphs of the specification; (2) Exhibit B, a clean copy of replacement paragraphs of the specification; (3) Exhibit C, a marked up version of the claims showing the amendments made herein; (4) Exhibit D, a copy of the claims that will be pending upon entry of the present amendments; and (5) a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of pending prior application number 09/222,596 filed on December 28, 1998.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

A marked up version of the following amended paragraphs is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Matter that has been deleted from each paragraph is indicated by brackets and matter that has been added to each paragraph is indicated by underlining. A clean copy of the following amended paragraphs is attached hereto as Exhibit B.